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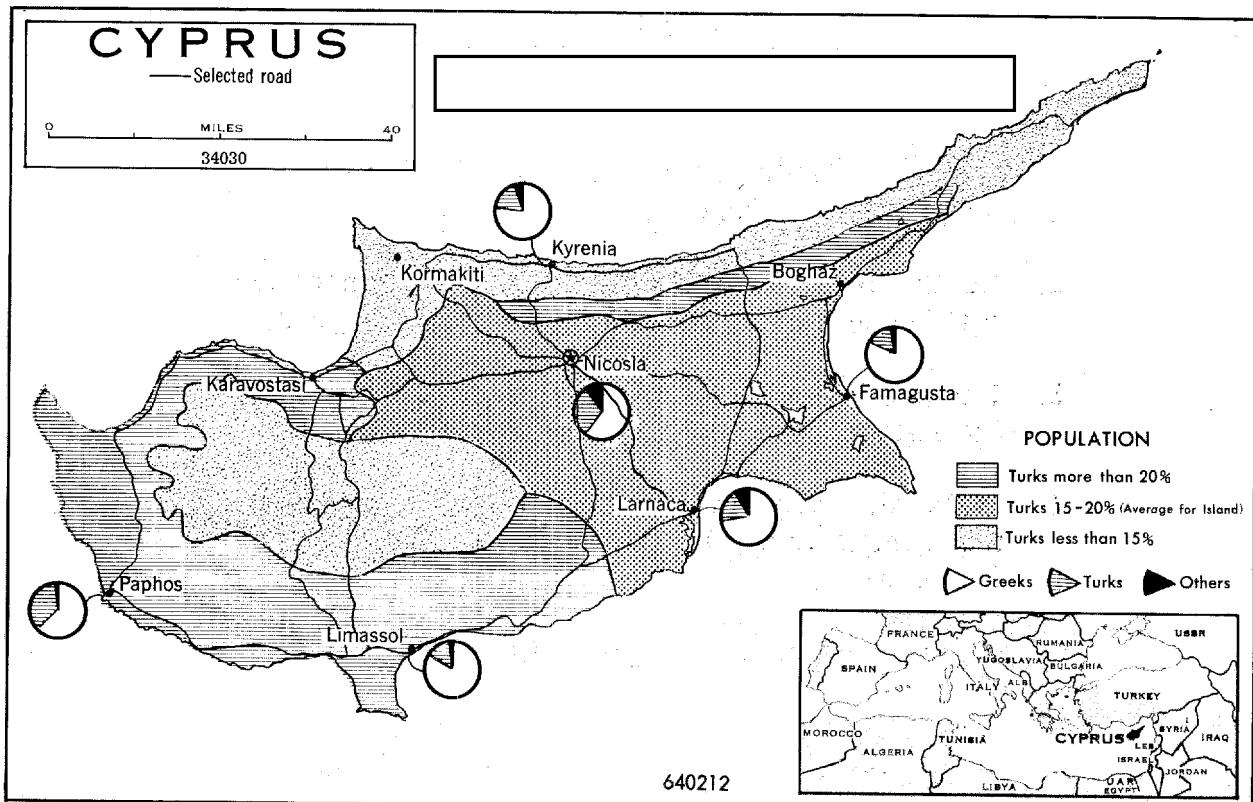
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*Cyprus: President Makarios, in two meetings with Under Secretary Ball on 12 February, stated his firm opposition to several of the basic provisions in the revised British-American plan for sending an international police force to Cyprus.

Makarios expressed concern that the proposed international force in effect would continue the de facto separation of the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities, which he accuses the Turkish Cypriots of having enforced illegally. He indicated that, in preference to selection of a new mediator as proposed in the plan, he wished to have British Commonwealth Relations Secretary Sandys continue his efforts to find a political solution to the Cyprus dispute.

Both Makarios and his top foreign policy advisers stressed that the primary task of any international force must be to protect Cyprus from external aggression--i.e., from Turkey--rather than merely to maintain internal peace.

Makarios again said he intends to seek an early Security Council resolution reaffirming the territorial integrity and independence of Cyprus as protection against Turkish intervention. On 12 February, Athens Radio quoted an "official source" in Nicosia as stating that an appeal to the Security Council is "imminent."

Secretary General Thant's chief military adviser claimed on 11 February that Thant would not agree to any "umbrella" role by his office over an international

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peace-keeping force on Cyprus. Thant reportedly believes that unless he had complete control he would merely be a channel from the force commander to the Security Council.

Thant had earlier made clear that the sending of any force to Cyprus must have the formal approval of the Security Council, with the clear understanding that the UN would not finance such a force.

(Meanwhile, clashes continue on Cyprus with the most serious incidents occurring in the south coast port of Limassol. In the Nicosia area, both Greek and Turkish Cypriots are taking measures to reinforce and improve their tactical positions.)

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Turkish Prime Minister Inonu, following his meeting with Ball on Tuesday, called the cabinet into session and reaffirmed the government's firm policy regarding Cyprus. Inonu earlier met with the leaders of the several political parties to demonstrate national unity during the Cyprus crisis.

Any decisions reached have not been reported.

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North Vietnam - US: Hanoi is expressing concern that the US may broaden the war against the Viet Cong to include attacks on North Vietnam.

An article in the January issue of the party journal declares that large-scale attacks on the North would bring Communist Chinese forces into the fray, and if sustained, might eventually involve the entire Communist bloc. It was written by a party leader who has a key role in directing the Viet Cong war effort from the North.

The article, which was broadcast by Hanoi radio international service in English, attempts to discourage the US from more direct involvement in the war. It argues that a wholesale introduction of US forces into South Vietnam would not be effective and threatens that use of nuclear arms in an attack on North Vietnam "might directly lead to retaliation with the same weapons."

Recent Hanoi propaganda suggests that the regime is planning a renewed campaign to capitalize on Free World concern that a major East-West military confrontation will develop in South Vietnam.

A Foreign Ministry statement of 11 February branded present US action there as an "extremely serious threat to peace and security" in Asia, and called on the Geneva cochairmen for measures to insure US withdrawal.

Laos: Communist military pressures are causing serious concern in Vientiane.

Premier Souvanna is seeking to have the International Control Commission send a team to central Laos, where Communist forces still seem to be seeping toward the Mekong valley. He is also looking for ways to arrange a cease-fire and a pull-back to previous positions to permit resumption of preparations for tripartite talks.

General Phoumi strenuously opposes sitting down with the Pathet Lao under the present adverse circumstances. To bolster his case and to cover the recent ignominious rout of his forces east of Thakhek, Phoumi is exaggerating the extent of North Vietnamese military intervention.

Phoumi has also been hinting at possible "spontaneous" popular demonstrations in Vientiane against the North Vietnamese Embassy and Pathet Lao mission.

(Some conservative elements remain dissatisfied with the leadership of both Souvanna and Phoumi.

(Souvanna also said recently that, for the first time, he feared for his personal safety in Vientiane.)

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Belgium: Foreign Minister Spaak believes that Belgium should take immediate steps to make its training assistance to the Congolese National Army more effective in the time remaining before the UN withdraws on 1 July. He told the US ambassador, however, that the idea of placing Belgian officers in Congolese field units raises sensitive issues and will require cabinet consideration. Spaak said that he personally favors the idea, observing that the presence of Belgian officers in the forces of Rwanda and Burundi seems to have helped to prevent clashes between them.

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE

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